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AFL 2025 ROUND 20 RICHMOND V COLLINGWOOD

BRIAN TAYLOR'S UNIQUE RECORD

Brian Taylor, a regular visitor to the MCC Library, is the only player to kick 10 goals or more in a match for both Richmond and Collingwood. The full forward was recruited by Richmond as a junior from Mandurah (WA) in 1979, and he made his senior debut for the Tigers in 1980. However, injuries and the form of Michael Roach, Richmond's established full forward, limited Taylor's senior opportunities. Yet, in 1981 he was the VFL Reserves Grade leading goalkicker with 119 goals, and he booted a club record (across all grades) 15 goals against North Melbourne's reserves at VFL/Waverley Park. In 1982 he got a consistent spot in the senior team and was the club's leading goalkicker at season's end with 71. That year he bagged 10 goals against Fitzroy at the MCG in Round 11. Taylor was also Richmond's leading goalkicker in 1984 with 61. Still, his opportunities at Richmond were stifled and in 1985 he crossed to Collingwood. Taylor was the Magpies' leading goalkicker from 1985 to 1989, and the League's leading goalkicker in 1986 with 100 goals. He managed to bag 10 goals or more in a match twice at Collingwood. He booted his VFL/AFL career best against Sydney with 12 goals in Round 16, 1985, at the SCG, and he kicked 10 goals against his old club, Richmond in Round 21, 1986, at Victoria Park. Taylor retired from League football after the 1990 season having booted 527 goals. He ended his playing days as the playing-coach of the VFA club Prahran in 1991 and 1992, leading the Two Blues to the preliminary final in 1992. He also kicked a club record-equalling 16 goals that year in their Round 2 game against Oakleigh at Toorak Park. He was the Two Blues' non-playing coach in 1993. Taylor has since embarked on a very successful public speaking and media career.

PLAYED FOR BOTH

Jamie Tape was picked up by Richmond at pick 28 in the 1992 AFL Draft. Previously he had starred with Woodville-West Torrens in the SANFL. A half-back flanker he was a regular in the senior side for his first three seasons, making his debut in 1994 and playing in 67 of a possible 69 games. He received a Rising Star nomination in his first season, as well as sharing the best first year player award with Matthew Rogers. He was also selected for State of Origin representation. Injuries saw his form deteriorate and at the end of 1997 he was traded to Collingwood where he played 16 games (1 goal), retiring at the end of the 1997 season. Tragically, Tape died from a brain aneurysm while driving to his local shops. He was just 28 years old.

Ross Brewer is described in the *Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* as follows "An extremely talented key forward from Bentleigh – McKinnon Youth Centre, Brewer was a strong mark and a good kick". He started his career with Melbourne where played 121 games (196 goals) from 1972 to 1978. Moving to Collingwood in 1979 he played 47 games (85 goals) leaving the club at the end of 1981, going off to Richmond where he played just 6 games (8 goals) in 1982 and 1983.

Kevin Morris came to Richmond from Waverley in the VFA, playing 110 games (71 goals) for the club from 1969 to 1976, including in their 1973 and 1974 premiership sides he then went to Collingwood where he played 71 games (53 goals) for the Magpies from 1977 to 1981, including in their losing 1979 and 1980 grand final sides. Morris is described in the *Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* as "a tough and valuable ruck-rover... his strength in the packs and creative play suited him to the ruck-roving role."

DID YOU KNOW?

- Collingwood's greatest losing margin is against Richmond. Round 3, 1942 saw Richmond 25.25 (175) defeat Collingwood 5.7 (37).
- Richmond's lowest grand final score is 1.7 (13) against Collingwood 2.13 (25) in 1927. However, the Tigers' highest grand final score is 23.21 (159) also against Collingwood 9.24 (78) in 1980.
- These two sides have fought out some thrilling finals matches. An elimination final in 1975 saw the Magpies win by just four points 11.11 (77) to 10.13 (73). Two years before that the two sides met in a preliminary final, but this time the Tigers prevailed by seven points 15.15 (105) to 14.14 (98). In 1930 a semi final saw the difference just three points at the final siren with the Magpies prevailing by three points 14.10 (94) to 14.7 (91).
- The sides last met in a final in 2018 when the Magpies overcame the Tigers in a preliminary final 15.7 (97) to 8.10 (58).

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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THIS ROUND IN HISTORY - ROUND 20 AT THE MCG

The highest Round 20 score at the MCG is 32.24 (216) by Hawthorn against Essendon 8.8 (56) in 1992. This is the overall record Round 20 score. The most goals by an individual at the MCG in Round 20 is 12. This record is shared by two players. Gary Ablett kicked a dozen for Geelong against Richmond in 1990. The Cats scored 24.14 (158) and won by 64 points. Jason Dunstall also kicked 12 goals for Hawthorn against Essendon in 1992. The overall Round 20 record is 13 shared by Doug Wade for Geelong against North Melbourne at Kardinia Park in 1971 when Geelong kicked 24.7 (151) and won by 75 points, and Peter Daicos for Collingwood against Brisbane at Carrara in 1991. Collingwood kicked 26.16 (172) and won by 101 points. The highest score in a quarter is 10.3 (63) by Melbourne in the third quarter against North Melbourne in 1991. Melbourne finished with 20.20 (140) to win by 52 points. The overall Round 20 record is 11.6 (72) by Collingwood in the third quarter against Essendon at Victoria Park in 1970. Collingwood kicked 24.16 (160) to win by 81 points. The highest Round 20 attendance at the MCG was recorded at a night game on Friday August 5, 1994 when 75,565 saw Collingwood defeat Essendon by 28 points.

STATISTICS FOR RICHMOND V COLLINGWOOD

Richmond v Collingwood by venue

	Won by Richmond	Won by Collingwood	Drawn
MCG	39	40	1
Punt Road Oval	24	26	1
SCG	0	1	0
Victoria Park	25	50	0
Waverley Park	4	5	0
	92	122	2

Highest Score

Richmond	25.25 (175)	Rd 3	1942	PR
Collingwood	24.17 (161)	Rd 16	1992	VP
Collingwood	24.17 (161)	Rd 4	2011	MCG

Lowest Score

Richmond	1.7 (13)	GF	1927	MCG
Collingwood	2.13 (25)	GF	1927	MCG

Greatest Winning Margin

Richmond	138 points	Rd 3	1942	PR
Collingwood	101 points	Rd 21	1986	VP

Last Time They Met – Round 20, 2024, MCG

	Collingwood	Richmond
Quarter time	6.2	2.2
Half time	9.5	5.4
Three-quarter time	13.8	6.9
Full time	14.9 (93)	9.13 (67)

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

10	J. Titus	Rich	Rd 3	1942	PR
10	P. McKenna	Coll	Rd 13	1971	VP
10	B. Taylor	Coll	Rd 21	1986	VP
10	J. Hogg	Rich	Rd 8	1991	MCG
10	S. Rocca	Coll	Rd 14	1993	MCG

100 YEARS AGO

The 1925 *Football Record* was far from glowing in its description of an American football demonstration at Richmond:

“The Americans gave an exhibition of football as played in the United States, and a fair crowd went to Richmond to see it. A small ball was used, but why the game is called football no Australian could tell me. If its name was Sacks (sic) on the Mill I could understand, but Football! No, football was about the last thing it could be dubbed. What was its best feature was the gameness of the players. They bowled over the chap who got the ball, and about a dozen others fell on him like a ton of bricks. But you could not hear a whimper from the fellow who had to stand the weight of the crowd. The ground was soft and muddy, but nobody was suffocated or killed. They say that they like hard grounds for the game, I should not be surprised to hear from America some day that the fellows who are at the bottom of the crushes are picked up like pancakes - all flattened out. You don't want to go from home to learn which is the best kind of football, for we have been shown Rugby, Soccer and American. Australia can give them all ninety in a hundred, and then beat them easily.”

The same volume told us of an interesting country football situation:

“Recently the Katamatite club was reported to have kicked 78.19 to Wattsville's 1.3. Naturally everyone was sceptical about the genuineness of such a “performance”. It now transpires that Katamatite had to put up that huge score to enable it gain the “double chance” on averages, and it is said that by arrangement only eight of the Wattsville side turned up. The local association promptly decided to declare the “match off”, and the Katamatites had the audacity to appeal to the League on the question. The League took but a few seconds to come to the same decision as the country association. Such unsportsmanlike conduct surely merited disqualification of both clubs.”

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